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JOHN GAY OF SADSBURY, LANCASTER CO., PA.

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The Gays, who pronounced their name Guy and often spelled it that way, were one of the "Scotch-Irish" families who came early in the eighteenth century to this country. Several families of them settled in the Calf Pastures of Augusta and Rockbridge Counties, Virginia, whence they fanned out to the Carolinas, Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky, Tennessee and other southern and western points. In an effort to sort them out I was led back to Pennsylvania and there found records which may be of interest to others.

Sadsbury is a township of Lancaster County. Originally it was the western part of the township called Sadsbury in Chester County. This western part of Sadsbury was allocated to Lancaster as a township upon the formation of that county in 1729. Its easterly boundary is Chester County. In this township I found the family of John Gay, which came as early as 1722 in the vanguard of the great Scotch-Irish migration. It has been said that this emigration started about 1720, because at that time 31-year leases made in 1689 or 1690 after the Battle of the Boyne expired and could not be renewed on favorable terms.[1]

Irish Notes

It has been stated by family genealogists that the Gays were English and not Scotch in origin and may have lived in Warwickshire before settling in Ireland. It has also been said that there was a soldier named William Gay at the siege of Londonderry and that John, William and James who settled in the Calf Pastures were his sons. Of these two statements, for which no authority is cited, I find no proof.

The following Irish notes are all that I have found:

There was a John Gay on the rent-rolls of the Hamilton estates in County Down in 1681 or 1688. Hanna says that the majority of those on the rolls resided in and near the towns of Bangor and Killyleagh.[2]

In a list of men who attended the meetings of the Laggan Presbytery between the years 1672 and 1700 as ruling elders or as commissioners, we find among others John Gay from Taboyn (now Monreagh).[3] Mon-

[1] Rev. John Hall in his introduction to a book called *Presbyterians*, by Rev. Geo. P. Hays, New York, 1892; see the letter from Archbishop King to Archbishop Wake, June 2, 1719, quoted in Charles K. Bolton, *Scotch Irish Pioneers*, Boston, 1910, p. 56.

[2] Charles A. Hanna, *The Scotch-Irish*, New York, 1902, Vol. I, p. 488.

[3] Alexander G. Lecky, *In the Days of the Laggan Presbytery*, Belfast, 1908, p. 143.

reagh is in County Donegal. The Presbyterian congregation was originally known by the name of the parish in which it was—viz. Taboin or Taughboyne, which was early (before 1644) settled with Presbyterians.[4]

In the Session Book of the Aghadowey Congregation, copy of which in the hand of J. W. Kernohan, M.A., Honorary Secretary of the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland, copy dated August 4, 1911, is in the N. E. Hist. Gen. Library in Boston, I find that at the session of Feb. 7, 1705/6, James Gay appeared at this Session acknowledging his sin of marrying w^t^. a popish priest, he promised to submit to censure, he is appointed to appear to acknowledge his sin on Lord's day come eight days. Contrary to custom, the wife was not named, an omission that is annoying to a genealogist. The minister of Aghadowey Congregation at this time was the famous James McGregor, who later came to New England. Aghadowey is in Londonderry near Bann Water.

At a General Synod of the Presbyterian Church held at Londonderry, June 19, 1722, John Gay was a ruling elder from Letterkenny Presbytery, the minister whom he accompanied being David Fairly. As David Fairly served the Convoy Congregation in Donegal from 1711 to 1776, we may infer that this John Gay lived in Co. Donegal not far from Londonderry.[5]

In the library of the New England Historical and Genealogical Society there are manuscript copies of three lists of Protestant Householders in certain parts of Northern Ireland in 1740. The originals, it is certified, are in the collection of the Presbyterian Historical Society of Ireland at Belfast. The first list which has 4606 names covers the "Several Baronies of Dunluce Walke" in the counties Derry and Antrim. In this list I found one Gay name, the Widow Gay, No. 580, in the parish of Colrane (Coleraine) in County Derry.[6]

The second list which includes 5678 names in Toome Walke covers the barony of Loughinshillin in County Londonderry on the west side of the Bann and the neighboring barony of Toome in County Antrim on the east side of the Bann. Here as number 3732 and 3734 are found John Gay and James Gay, both of Drumall Parish, Toome barony, County Antrim.

The third list which has 4112 names in the "Londonderry Walke" in Counties Donegal and Londonderry has in two different but neighboring baronies in County Londonderry, James Guy (No. 2380) of Gortnessy, Tyrkeeing Barony; Rob't Guy (No. 3835) of Drumgesh,

[4] W. D. Killen, *History of Congregations of the Presbyterian Church in Ireland*, Belfast 1886, p. 200.

[5] W. D. Killen, *op. cit.* p. 102; *Records of the General Synod of Ulster*, Belfast, 1898, Vol. II, p. 23.

[6] Derry is the same county that is properly called Londonderry.

Kenought Barony; Archy Guy (No. 3976), of Drummadreen, Kenought Barony; and Wm. Gay (No. 4011) of Ardinarrif, Kenought Barony. There are also in the barony of Ennishowen in the County Donegal, Hugh Gay (No. 114) of Mulleny, and Widow Gay (No. 140) of Castle Quarter.

The locations of those Gays who may or may not be related to our American families is consistent with either an English or a Scotch origin for we must not forget that there were English plantations as well as Scotch plantations in Ulster, particularly in Londonderry, and that the "Scotch-Irish" were not all Scotch but a mixture of races. Coleraine and the baronies of Tyrkeeing, Kenought and Loughinsholin were a part of the Londonder's Plantation, and Toome, also, I think, but even outside of that Plantation there were English as well as Scottish settlers.[7]

Lancaster County, Penna., Wills and Administrations

1734, January 28. Bond of Isabel Guy, administratrix of John Guy. Sureties: John Devor [Dever] and Robert Guy all of Lancaster, &c. Witnesses: Henry Gay, Saml. Blunston.

1742, May 5. Proof of the will of Isabella Gaey (mark), of the Township of Sadesberry & County of LanChester. Will dated last day of March 1742. My corps to be decently interred at the Grave Yeard where my husband lies. My four sons Robert, Henry, William & Thomas each one shilling. My son Robert Eldest Son one black cow. Rest of all lands goods and chattels my son Archibald Gaey and him to be executor. [The last sentence of the will after the date and perhaps as an afterthought reads] "I order my son Samuel one English Shilling." Witnesses: William Huston, James Brown.

1743, October 17. Bond of Rebeckah Guy, Widdow, Administratrix of James Guy. Sureties: Richard Guy & Hugh Long, Yeoman, all of Lancaster, &c. Witnesses: Saml. Blunston, Mary Patterson.

1760, Sept. 15. Date of will of Robert Gay of Sadsbury township and county of Lancaster, Yeoman. Wife Isabel. Daughter Mary Ray 5 s. Son Joseph 50 acres of the land untightled [unentailed?], joining Robt. Willim. Daughter Isabel Bell 5 s. Sons Thomas and Archibald remainder of Plantation all goods and chattels. Son John £20 to be paid when he is 21. Daughter Ann £10 when she is 18. Son Robert £20 when 21; he to have one year schooling and then to Bound to a trade. Daughter Sarah £10 when 18 and she is to have one year's schooling. Wife Isabel and son Thomas Gay executors. Wit: Robert Willims, John Johnston, William Gay (mark).

1780, March 22. Bond of Thomas Guy, Administrator of Joseph Guy. Sureties: Robert Guy and John Johnston, all of Lancaster, &c. Witness: John J. Henry.

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[7] See Hill, *The Plantation in Ulster*, passim. In Hill, op. cit. page 466, I find a notice of one Thomas Guye, a lessee in 1627 of lands of Lysreagh in the County of Cavan.

Lancaster County, Penna., Deeds

1771, May 2. William Guy of Sadsbury Township &c. and Ann his wife to their only son William Guy of the same place, yeoman. The recitals show a chain of title: original grant to Jeremiah Carter of 250 acres; deed by him 2d of the fifth month 1716 to Edward Carter, deed by him dated December 10, 1722 to John Guy; deed December 18, 1725 of John Guy and Isabella his wife to Henry Guy of 50 Acres of said tract, deed of Henry Guy and Martha his wife Feb. 9, 1739/40 to John Davis; deed of John Davis and Elizabeth his wife March 1, 1741/2 to William Quinton; deed of William Quinton and Esther his wife June 3, 1745 to Robert Lewis; deed of Robert Lewis and Mary his wife June 2, 1750 to Charles Hall; deed of Charles Hall and Hannah his wife Sept. 20, 1758 to said William Guy the father, part of said 50 acres which this deed conveys to his son, bounding among other bounds on other land of the father. Signed William Guy Sen'r (mark), Ann Guy (mark). Wit: Stewart Herbert, Robert Beley, Ack. June 18, 1774 before Calvin Cooper, Justice, &c. Rec. Oct. 8, 1781. (Q: 587).

1773, June 14. Samuel Gay of Middleton Township in the County of Cumberland, &c. Yeoman to John McCumsey of Sadsbury Township, &c. 114 acres in Twp. of Sadsburry bounded among other bounds, lands now or late of Robert Gay, ditto of Thomas Gay, Samuel Peeple's, Jonathan Kimen's, John Coulter. Land granted and surveyed to said Samuel Gay by the proprietaries of the province, date not given. Signed Saml. Guy (mark). Wit: William Lyon, Joseph Guy. Ack. in Lancaster County June 21, 1773 before Everard Gruber, Justice, &c. Rec. Aug. 21, 1773 (P: 597).

1779, June 11. Robert Gay and Archibald Gay both of Sadsbury, &c., yeoman, to James Brown of Village & Township of Strasburg in the County of Lancaster, yeoman, Two parcels in Sadsbury. The first 50 acres bounded among other bounds by land late of Thomas Hayward, land of William Gay. The second contiguous to the first of 65 acres bounded among other bounds by land late of John McComsey now John Carpenter, John Johnston, Joseph Gay, James Loughead. The said lots or tracts being the same which Robert Gay late of the county aforesaid, deceased, by his will dated Sept. 15, 1760 devised to his two sons Thomas Gay and Archibald Gay; and the said Thomas Gay by deed dated December 21, 1772 conveyed his half to said Robert Gay, party hereto. Signed Robert Guy, Archibald Guy (mark). Wit: John Ferree, Everard Gruber. Proved by Everard Gruber Feb. 20, 1784 before Henry Slaymaker. Rec. Sept. 2, 1805. (S: 3-383).

1790, Aug. 16. Samuel Gay of the Twp. of Sadsbury &c. and Mary his wife to William Eckley of the same. Recital that Supreme Executive Council of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania had by patent of Oct. 2, 1788 granted unto said Mary, then Mary Williams since intermarried with above named Samuel Gay a tract of 95 acres, bounded among other bounds by Nathan Thompson, Charles Hall, William Gay, Evan Gefferis (Jefferis) land late of Samuel Irwin, John Cooper. Title: Warrant to Robert Lewis, June 15, 1745, to Samuel Hall, Nov. 7, 1748, to Samuel Williams June 1, 1767, who by will dated 4th day of the fourth month 1777 devised to his daughter the above named Mary Williams. Signed Samuel Gay, Mary Gay. Wit: Rachel Miller, Rachel Miller. Ack. Aug. 16, 1790 before Jos. Miller, Justice, &c. Rec. Feb. 14, 1791. (MM: 271)

1794, Oct. 1. William Gay of Sadsbury, &c. Yeoman and Jane his wife to William Chamberlin of Sadsbury, &c. the land acquired from his father and other land. Signed: William Gay, Jean Gay. Wit: Wm. Johnston, Wm. Gay, Jr. Ack. Oct. 15, 1794 before John Johnston, Justice &c. Rec. June 18, 1799. (H-3-21).

1798, March 27. Samuel Guy of Colerain Township in the County of Lancaster, &c. mortgaged 7 chattels to William McKown of same place. Signed: Samuel Guy. Wit: Andrew Work, Jun'r, Andw. Work. Ack. March 27, 1798 before Andrew Work, Justice, &c. Rec. March 28, 1798. (ZZ: 364)

Pennsylvania Warrants

Through the courtesy of Mr. Warren J. Daniel, Director, Land Records, Department of Internal Affairs, Harrisburg, Pa., I learn the following:

Henry Guy applied for 100 acres and received Warrant No. 4 dated Feb. 14, 1733 on which a survey of 49 acres and 59 perches was returned.

William Guy applied for 100 acres and received Warrant No. 65 March 28, 1738 on which a survey of 86 acres was returned.

Robert Guy applied for 150 acres and received Warrant No. 80, August 5, 1738. No survey returned on this warrant.

Archibald Guy applied for 100 acres March 5, 1738 and received Warrant No. 81, Aug. 5, 1738. No survey on this warrant.

Samuel Guy applied for 150 acres and received Warrant No. 82 Aug. 5, 1738, upon which a survey of 121 acres and 80 perches was returned.

All these tracts were located in Salisbury Township which is next to Sadsbury.

Augusta and Rockbridge Counties, Va., Wills, &c.

6 December 1759. John Gay's will. Son Henry Gay, part of 347 acres promised to John by his father Henry Gay. Wife Mary Gay. Father Henry Gay. Executor, father Henry. Witnesses: Arthur Hamilton, Fras. McDonald, Nathanl. Davis. The widow Mary renounced the will and later moved to have the executor summoned to settle the estate. The child was an infant. (Chalkley, III, 57, 79.)

19 November, 1760. John Gay's appraisement by Robert Bratton, Jacob Martin, Joseph Wacob [Walkup]. (*Idem.*, III, p. 60.)

1766, Nov. 19. David Moore, orphan of David Moore, aged 14 years, chose Henry Gay guardian. Chalkley, I, p. 131.

Will of Henry Gay dated Jan. 7, 1779, proved April 6, 1779. My grandson Henry Gay 250 A. of land by way of intail joining lines w. Robert Lockridge & £14 and this is his money that is in my hands. Wife Marthew Gay the land on which I now live from the line of my grandson's place &c. and at the decease of my wife the land is to fall to my dau. Sary Gay. Price of the land sold to Macage (?) Smith. Son-in-law John Freasher the land to James Freasher's line. £3 to his son James Freasher. My grandson the price of the land I sold Thomas Davis, £50. My son-in-law John Gay £17 which is his full share I have. My dau. Ann Fries [Frazer ?] £5 as an acknowledgment having rec'd her full equal share before. My dau. Marthew £5 as an acknowledgment, &c., her 3 children £5 apiece Mary, Ann, Marthew. Grandson David Moor £20. My dau. Rebecke £20. My granddaughter Marthew Glespay in case she live with her grandmother until of age £10. Clothing to my grandson, Henry Gay. My wife and my son-in-law John Freasher [Frazer] executors. Witnesses: Robert Lockridge, James Crockett, John Frazer. (Will Book 1: 46.)

Sept. 26, 1780. Will of John Gay, of Rockbridge—going to war. To stepson, David Moore; to Brother Thomas; to Brother Robert, estate in Pennsylvania; to Brother Archabal, share of Joseph's estate; to bound boy, John Winden; to wife Elizabeth. Test. John Frazer, Henry Gay. No certificate of proof. This is from Augusta Records. (Chalkley, I, 532).

April 7, 1785. Will of Marthew Gay of Rockbridge Co., &c. Proved May 3, 1785. My daughter Elizabeth. My daughter Ann. My daughter Marthew, a note of Hennery Guy and one cow to her daughter Martha to them and their executors as their share. My dau. Rebecca and to her son Hennery Tompson. My dau. Jennet and to hir son Henery Frezer and hir son Samuel Frezer. My dau. Sarah and Jennet household furniture exc. certain to be given to Hugh Glaspay's dau. when of age. My grandson Henry Gay Gilkerson. My grandson Henry Gay. Remainder to my executors Robert Gay and John Frazer. Witnesses: Jamy Crockett, John Frazer, Robert Lockridge. John Lockridge. Archibald Gay. (Rockbridge Will Book 1: 229).

May 10, 1785. Elizabeth Guy's will. To sister Rebecca Thompson; to sister Rebecca's daughter, Margaret; to sister Rebecca's 2 youngest daughters; to sister Martha Gillespy; to sister Martha's oldest daughter Mary; to sister Martha's daughter, Ann; to nephew Henry Guy; to niece, Martha Galespy, daughter of Hugh Gillespy; to nephew, Samuel Foger [Frazier] to nephews, John and Henry Thompson, infants; to brother-in-law, John Gillespy; to Robert Guy; to Archibald Guy. Executors, John Gillespy, James Bleake, James Windon. Apprentice John Windon to be set free. Proved, 21st June, 1785 by James Windon and Samuel Gillespy. Executors qualify. (Chalkley, III, 172).

Oct. 18, 1785. Elizabeth Guy's appraisement by Leonard Beall, Andrew McCaslin, James Gilespy; Henry Guy's legacy; Mary Gillespey's legacy; Martha Gillespy, Sr.'s legacy; Ann Gillespy's legacy; Martha Gillespy, Jr.'s legacy; Archibald Guy's legacy; Samuel Frazer's legacy; Rebecca Thompson's legacy; John Gillespy's legacy. (Id. 173, 174. The mention of Samuel Frazer as a legatee is not consistent with the will unless Foger is Frazer, which I suppose it is.)

1809, Nov. 17. Appraisal of the personal estate of Thomas Guy deceased by William Dunlap, John Bratton, John Frazer. (Rockbridge Wills, 3: 337).

1810, June 19. Will of James Frazer. Proved May 23, 1814. Wife Ann. To Archibald Guy and wife, Rebecca, and their son, James F. Guy, infant. Nathan Pugh. To Archibald and Rebecca's son, John Guy. (land in possesison of Ezekiel Cooper). Said James F. Guy's brother, Thomas Guy. Said John Guy's brother Robert Guy. Brother Samuel Frazer's children, viz: John W., James, Samuel C., Bella Frazer. Executor Ezekiel Cooper, refuses. (Chalkley, III, p. 242.)

1815, Aug. 1. Will of Robert Gay of the county of Rockbridge, &c. Proved March 4, 1816. My wife Sarah Gay the land I now live on and after her death my dau. Martha Gay. A note of hand of Henry G. Gilkison. Bond on William Herd. My dau. Anne Paine all my land on the east side of the back mt. in Bath Co. Richard B. Paine. My grandson William Paine, chattels to be left on hands of Richard B. Paine until he comes of age. Mary Gilkison $1 and to her children Sally Gilkison, James C. Gilkison, Hugh Gilkison, Mary A. Gilkison $1 each. Wife Sarah Gay and Richard B. Paine executors. Witnesses: John Frazer, Samuel Frazer, Henry Frazer. (Rockbridge Wills, 4: 161).

1822, Feb. 3. Will of Sally Gay, widow of Robert Gay. Proved April 1, 1822. Mary Gilkerson widow of Henry Gilkerson decd my son and to her heirs Sarah Gilkerson, James Gilkerson and Hugh Gilkerson. Anny Payne my dau., Richard B. Payne my son-in-law, Martha Gay my dau. Wit: Jno. D. Ervin, W. L. Harnett, John Baker. (Rockbridge Wills, 5: 213.)

Orange County, Va., Deeds

1745, April 2. Lease (followed by a release) James Patton and John Lewis to Henry Gay. 695 acres in Augusta on both sides of the Great River of the Calf Pasture.[8] Thomas Weems Land. Francis Doneley's land. Witnesses: Robt. Crockett, Robt. Bratton, Jas. Carter. Proved and recorded July 25, 1745. (Orange Deeds 10: 143).

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Augusta County, Va., Deeds

1762, Feb. 15-16. Lease and release Henry Gay of Augusta to Anne Gay and Martha Gay of said County, 216 Acres on a branch of the Cowpasture River, (Augusta Deeds 10: 98).

1769, Oct. 17. Henry Gay and Martha (mark) to James Frazier 100 a. on Great River of Calfpasture, joining Francis Donoley's land. Teste: Samuel Blackwood, Andrew Steel. Augusta Deeds 16: 66.

1780, March 20. Martha Gay, widow and relict of Henry Gay decd. in co. of Rockbridge to Andrew Moody of the County of Augusta 98 acres in Augusta on the east side of the Cow Pasture River between land fly. Donnoly and said Gay. Survey by James Trimble. By last will of said H. G. Martha empowered to sell. Witness: Robert Poage, Andrew Moody, William Dever. (Augusta Deeds 23: 422.)

1788, May 30. John Gillespie and Martha, James Frazer and Ann, John Frazer, Jean Frazer, Robert Gay, ex'rs. of Henry Gay, dec'd. to John McRoberts. Chalkley, III, p. 589.

1790, Oct. 8. Henry Guy and John Frazer both of Augusta to John McRoberts of said County 98 acres. Witnesses: James Fulton, Thomas Guy, Robert Guy, Archibald Guy. (Augusta Deeds 28: 243).

1811, Dec. 5. Robert Gay and Sarah his wife of the County of Rockbridge to Henry G. Gilkerson all right of dower which Sarah Gay, late Sarah Gilkinson, claims as widow & relict of Archibald Gilkison, dec'd. Witnesses: John M. Estill, Jno. Mathews, Alex. Robertson. (Augusta Deeds 37: 31.)

1816, Sept. 2. John & Rebecca Gay of Augusta to John McCue. Parcel willed to John Gay by James Frazier, dec'd. McCue land. James Gay's land. Rebecca appears to have been wife of Archibald Gay. (Augusta Deeds 40: 522.)

1817, Jan. 13. John Gay, Jr. of Augusta to John McCue of the same, 115½ acres left me by Capt. James Frazier in his will lying between that left by said J. F. to my brother James F. Gay. Witnesses: John McCue, Jr., Franklin McCue, Margaret McCue. (Augusta Deeds 41: 499.)

1817, Oct. 11. Rebecca Gay of Augusta to John McCue of the same—tract left to her husband Archibald Gay now deceased and her, the said Rebecca during their natural life by James Frazier dec'd. (Augusta Deeds 42: 19.)

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[8] The Great Calfpasture River rises in the Shenandoah (Big North) Mountain in Augusta County, Virginia, and flows southwardly to Goshen Park in Rockbridge County, just above which it is joined by the Little Calfpasture River, also running southwardly. Below its junction with the Little Calfpasture it is known as the North River. At Balcony Falls in Rockbridge County it joins the James River.

"Acting under an order of council John Lewis and James Patton surveyed in 1744 a tract nearly fifteen miles long, but nowhere more than one and one-eighth mile broad. Their map shows it cross-sectioned into twenty-three lots, the first lying where Goshen now stands and the last rather to the north of Deerfield" Oren F. Morton, *Annals of Bath County, Virginia,* Staunton, 1917, p. 167.

These twenty-three lots were sold to twenty-three different persons, most of whom settled on their land. This list is given by Morton, op. cit., p. 168 and also in his *History of Rockbridge County, Va.,* Staunton, 1920, p. 86. Henry Gay's parcel was numbered 7 and so we may infer that it was near the southerly bound of the Valley and in that part of it that became a part of Rockbridge in 1777 when that county was formed.

Rockbridge County, Va., Marriages

The following are taken from a *Record of Marriages 1782-1830* at the courthouse in Lexington. Only the second clearly relates to the family of Henry Gay but all three are included for completeness:

Alex Brown & Elizabeth Gay, 19 Aug. 1784, Rev. John Brown
Richard B. Paine & Ann Gay, Feb. 15, 1810. D. Blain
Jno. L. Cale & Polly Gay, Oct. 21, 1815, J. D. Erwin.

Gay Family of Sadsbury, Lancaster Co., Pa.

From the foregoing and the authorities cited below I make the following genealogical inferences:

1. John Gay, probably born in Ireland, was in Sadsbury as early as 1722 when he acquired 250 acres from Edward Carter. (See deed of May 2, 1771, above). Wife's name, Isabella. He was township officer of Sadsbury in 1728.[9] He died before May 5, 1742, the date of his wife's will wherein she refers to his grave, and was probably the decedent for whose estate the bond of January 28, 1734, *supra,* was filed. Their children in the order of their naming in her will were:

2. i. Robert Gay.
3. ii. Henry Gay.
4. iii. William Gay.

iv. Thomas Gay. A Thomas Gay was a warrantee of land in Cumberland Co. Pa., Aug. 1, 1766 (200 acres) and the same or another Thomas Sept. 2, 1785 (300 acres). In West Pennsboro Township, Cumberland Co., we find a Thomas in 1778 (70 acres), 1779 (250 acres), 1780, 1782. In Middleton, 1779 (150), 1780 (200), 1781 (240), 1785 (300), and a Thomas, Sr. 1785 (250) and also a Thomas listed as a freeman. I think, therefore, that our Thomas went to Cumberland County, had a son Thomas, Jr., and perhaps other issue. I have not pursued this line into Cumberland records.

v. Archibald Gay, who stayed, I believe, in or near Sadsbury. He may have been the warrantee of Aug. 5, 1738, *supra.* There was an Archibald Gay in West Fallowfield, Chester Co., not far from Sadsbury, in 1765, 1766, 1767, 1768, 1771, 1774, 1780, 1781.

vi. Samuel Gay, probably the warrantee of Aug. 5, 1738, *supra.* In 1778 there was a Samuel in Middleton Twp., Cumberland Co., (a part of Lancaster in 1738). The deed of June 14, 1773, above, links the Samuel of Middleton with the Sadsbury family.

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[9] Futhey and Cope, *History of Chester County, Pa.,* Philadelphia, 1881.

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2. Robert Gay was, I think, the testator of 1760, the warrantee of Aug. 5, 1738, *supra,*[10] and the eldest son of John and Isabella Gay. Wife Isabel. Children in order of their mention in his will:

i. Mary Gay, called Mary Ray in father's Will, 1760.

ii. Joseph Gay. One Joseph is named as a bound in a deed of Sadsbury land June 11, 1779, *supra.* I suppose he was the decedent for whose estate the bond of March 22, 1780, *supra,* was filed. A Joseph Gay was a Sadsbury freeman in 1756 and 1758 and a taxable in 1775, 1779, but not in 1782. "Joseph's estate" was mentioned in the will of John Gay of Rockbridge Co., Va., Sept. 26, 1780, *supra,* and I think this is the man.

iii. Isabel Gay, called Isabel Bell in father's Will, 1760.

iv. Thomas Gay conveyed Sadsbury land to Robert Gay Dec. 21, 1772 (See recital in deed, *supra.*) A Thomas Gay was a Sadsbury taxable in 1756, 1758, but not in 1775 or later. He is, I think, the brother Thomas mentioned in the will of John Gay of Rockbridge, *supra.* A Thomas Guy was a witness with James Fulton, Robert Guy, and Archibald Guy to a deed of Henry Guy and John Frazer dated Oct. 8, 1790.[11] The appraisal of the estate of Thomas Guy dec'd dated Nov. 17, 1809 was made by William Dunlop, John Bratton, and John Frazer.[12]

5. v. Archibald Gay.

6. vi. John Gay.

vii. Ann Gay, under 18, Sept. 15, 1760.

7. viii. Robert Gay.

ix. Sarah Gay, under 18, Sept. 15, 1760.

3. Henry Gay. For the following reasons I have come to the conclusion that Henry Gay of the Great Calfpasture in Virginia was a son of John Gay of Sadsbury and Isabella his wife.* The latter in her will, *supra,* named a son Henry. In the deed of May 2, 1771, *supra,* there is a recital of a deed dated Dec. 18, 1725 from John Gay and Isabella his wife to Henry Gay and a deed of Henry Gay and Martha his wife of the same land, dated Feb. 9, 1739/40. The wife of the Calfpasture Henry was named Martha. A Henry Gay appeared in Augusta in 1744 or earlier and no Henry Gay is found in Pennsylvania as a taxpayer or otherwise between 1740 and 1777. Henry named his only son John. Henry's son-in-law John Gay was in all probability also his nephew. See below. On the other hand, Henry did not name any of his many daughters Isabella for his mother and there is no direct proof of the relationship of Henry

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[10] It seems significant of kinship that Robert, Archibald, and Samuel's warrants are all of one date.

[11] *Augusta Deeds 28:* 243.

[12] *Rockbridge Will Book 3:* 337.

* See my Gay Families of Augusta and Rockbridge Counties, in the *Virginia Magazine of History and Biography,* April 1951.—R.H.M.

to John. Two persons by the name of Henry Guy (Gay) took the oath of allegiance in 1777 before John Mackey, Esq., in New London, Chester Co., Pennsylvania,[12a] and it is possible that Henry of the Calfpasture was related to that family and not to the Sadsbury one or to neither. However, I like my theory. If it is not true, Henry comes out of this place as a son of John of Sadsbury but what follows is I believe a true account of him as Henry of the Calfpasture.

When Henry Gay died in 1779, he left a grandson (Henry), who was an infant in 1759 and another, David Moore, who was 14 years old in 1766 and therefore born in 1752. Allowing 40 years between the birth of Henry and 1752 takes us back to 1712. I think he was born before that—perhaps as early as 1700 because he was a grantee of land in 1725. I suppose his birthplace was Ireland but have no proof of that fact.

Orange County records show a Henry Gay as a lieutenant of horse in 1744. Chalkley has many mentions of him as a grantor and grantee of land, a witness to wills and other documents, an appraiser, guardian of his grandson, Henry, a surety on other men's bonds, a plaintiff in a slander suit, etc. He appears to have bought land in the Cowpasture in 1767 or 1768. Other items can be gathered from the wills and deeds abstracted above.

The children of Henry and Martha Gay, naming the son first and the daughters in the order of mention in her will:

8. i. John Gay, d. 1759.
   ii. Elizabeth Gay, d. 1785 m. (1) David Moore, and had son David Moore; (2) John Gay of Rockbridge, the testator of Sept. 26, 1780, "going to war." That said John Gay and Elizabeth the testatrix of May 10, 1785 were husband and wife is proved by the mention in both wills of the bound boy, John Windon, and of Robert and Archibald Gay; that Elizabeth was the daughter of Henry Gay and Martha is proved by comparing the persons she calls sister with those he and Martha calls daughters. The previous marriage is inferred from the mention by John Gay of his step-son, David Moore, and the mention by Henry of his grandson David Moore. I place Elizabeth as first of the children because of the age of her son David Moore, b. 1752, and suppose she must have been born before 1735 probably in Pennsylvania.
   iii. Sarah Gay, d. 1822, m (1) Archibald Gilkison and had a son Henry Gilkison who d. leaving a widow Mary and children named in wills of Rob Gay and Sally Gay, *supra;* (2) Robert Gay, of whom below.
   iv. Ann Gay, m. Capt. James Frazer. No children of theirs are mentioned in his will, *supra.*
   v. Martha m. John Gillespy, called a brother-in-law in Elizabeth's will. She seems to have had three children, Mary, Ann, Martha. On March 25, 1790 Joseph McCoskey and Martha Gillaspey, daughter of John Galaspy were married by Rev. Jno. Montgomery.[13]

[12a] Chester County Collections 1: 283-4.

[13] Chalkley, II, 290, 351.

vi. Rebecca Gay m. ——— Thompson. In the wills above we have mention of her son Henry Thompson, her daughter Margaret and her two youngest daughters. Elizabeth mentions nephews John and Henry Thompson, infants.

vii. Jennet Gay m. John Frazier and had Henry and Samuel. See wills above.

viii. Was there another daughter, who m. Hugh Glespay and had a daughter Martha or was Martha Glespay, Hugh Glespay's daughter, the daughter of one of the foregoing by a first marriage? Morton, Annals of Bath County, p. 35 has this record of an early purchase on Stuart's Creek: " John Gillespie of Martha McCroskey, sole daughter and heir of Hugh Gillespie of Greenbrier—85—SC—20 p.—P, 1769-1795." I suppose that the sale was in 1795.

4. William Gay is, I think, the William Sen'r. of the deeds abstracted above from which it appears that his wife's name was Ann. A William Gay was a Sadsbury taxable in 1756 and 1758, and a William Gay, Sr., and a William Gay, Jr., in 1775, 1779 and 1782. He was probably the warrantee of March 28, 1738, above. He was still alive Nov. 6, 1792, when he manumitted a negro slave by a paper recorded with *Lancaster Deeds, P P* 418. Witnesses: Andrew Moore, Isaac Moore. The only child of William and Ann:

i. William Gay, Junior. William Gay, yeoman, [who may well be William, Jr.] and Jane Work, Spinster, both of the County of Lancaster, were issued a marriage license Oct. 18, 1765; sureties John Johnston and Joseph Gay both of the County of Lancaster, yeoman.[14]

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5. Archibald Gay is, I think, the Archibald who, with Robert Gay, conveyed Sadsbury land June 11, 1779, the brother Archabal of the will of John Gay of Rockbridge (1780), the witness to Martha Gay's will (1785), a legatee in Elizabeth's (1785), and the devisee of James Frazer (1810). He appears to have married Rebecca, and to have had James F. Guy, John Guy, Thomas Guy, Robert Guy. The will of James Frazer is peculiarly expressed, seeming to describe two sets of brothers, which may indicate a previous marriage by Rebecca to another Gay.

6. John Gay, under 21, Sept. 15, 1760, is, I believe, John Gay of Rockbridge, " going to war," whose will dated Sept. 26, 1780 is abstracted above. His wife was Elizabeth Gay, widow of David Moore. No issue survived him.

7. Robert Gay is, I believe, the " Brother Robert " of the will of John Gay of Rockbridge, the testator of August 1, 1815, the husband of Sarah

[14] This information was taken from a typewritten copy of Abstracts of Lancaster County Marriage Licenses in the library of the N. E. Hist. & Gen. Society, wherein it is stated that the originals are in the collection of the Genealogical Society of Pennsylvania at the Pennsylvania Historical Society. See above for mention of John Johnston and two men named Work in abstract of Gay deeds.)

(daughter of Henry Gay) by whom he had Anne (who m. Richard B. Paine, Feb. 15, 1810) and Martha.

8. John Gay (d. 1759) m Mary ——— and had a son Henry Gay, an infant in 1759, who married Jane Henderson, daughter of Jones Henderson. Their marriage bond, with Wm. Galloway surety was dated April 15, 1785.[15] He may have been the Henry Gay in Vance's District who "removed to French Broad" [Tennessee] by 1790.[16] It is said that he was the father of John Henderson Gay, b. 1787, founder of the Gay family of St. Louis and Louisiana, sugar planters, one of whom, Edward J. Gay served in the United States Senate.[17]

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[15] Chalkley, II p. 281.

[16] *Ibid.*, p. 425.

[17] Morton, *Rockbridge*, p. 253.

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